

schools, 3 were found to be lepers. The usual attendance at these schools is 1040 and the difference is made up of those who presented certificates from other medical practitioners or were absent. It is to be regretted that in the table contained in their report, the official examiners have not distinguished the absentees from those bringing certificates of health, so that we could have judged whether the absences were in excess of an ordinary number, and have seen exactly how many are declared to be entirely sound and free from not only leprosy but all other infectious and contagious diseases.

Certificates were refused to 34 pupils in all and 28 more were recommended to have some medical treatment. Besides the three lepers there were found 19 in whose cases there are "strong suspicions" of leprosy. The remainder of those to whom certificates were refused were suffering from other communicable forms of disease. The showing is not a good one but it is not so bad as we were beforehand led to believe it would be. It remains, however, to be seen what proportion of the absentees are keeping out of the way on account of disease. Every child whose name has been on a school register ought to be hunted up and examined.

The medical examiners close their report with a sensible suggestion that a systematic plan of classification be adopted so that those merely suspected of being lepers or who have leprosy only in its initial stages should receive hospital treatment quite apart from those who are in an advanced stage of the disease. It is not for the children only that this is needed. Such classification would entail some expense but that ought not to deter the country from undertaking it.

IT WILL be the duty of the Legislature during the coming session to make provision for enforcing the Diseased Animal Act of 1882, which has been in abeyance because there was no appropriation made for the expenses which must necessarily be incurred in putting it into operation. It might be well at the same time to extend the provisions of the Act so that animals already on the Islands which are afflicted with infectious or contagious diseases may be dealt with by the authorities.

There can be little doubt that during the enforced suspension of the law of 1882 many horses have been imported into the country in a condition dangerous to the other stock they have been allowed to mix with. The disease known by the name of "farcy" has certainly been introduced and many owners of horseflesh have had to suffer through its fatal effects upon their stock. It appears to be a moot point among those who claim to understand such things, whether the glanders has not also been introduced. This is a matter upon which we have no opinion to offer. Whether the disease which has been taken by some to be glanders, be so or not, it is still perfectly certain that it has been developed in a fatal form, and also that it is highly infectious. Horses appear to have caught it, one from another, without actual contact. Experience has abundantly proved, here as elsewhere, that horses affected with either glanders or farcy ought to be isolated. Under favorable circumstances the diseases are both known to be as "catching" among horses as smallpox is among our native population. As matters stand, no one can interfere with the owner of a horse which has an infectious disease. He may take it to a public stable if the proprietor be not sharp enough to observe and exclude it. He may let it wander in public places, as someone actually did with a horse in such a condition, lately, turning it out to graze on the Nuuanu Valley road in the neighbourhood of the ice works. Horses in a dangerously infectious state have found their way to the public pound. The other day there was a large horse in the pound here which was believed by some of those who saw it to have the glanders. The poor beast was so bad that his nose was actually rotting. Any other animal which may have been in the pound with him must have caught the disease, so active is the virus, and so infectious the exhalations from the lungs and body. We ought to have a law to check this sort of thing, otherwise the strictest

quarantine regulations will only prove to be like the proverbial shutting of the stable door when the horse is stolen. There are at least half a dozen men in the present assembly who know a good deal about this matter, and we appeal to them not to let the session pass without something useful being done.

THINGS IN GENERAL.

It is a pleasant thing to be told that there are "some symptoms of recovery," some change about to take place from the dull and quiescent state of trade that has been recorded thrice a week for the past three months and published in the three weekly journals. Furthermore, this mere newspaper statement has been corroborated by business men with whom I have conferred, therefore I take it as an established fact that things are improving. By improvement I infer that the retail dealers are selling a few more goods, and the public are spending a little more money. But the question is, what has caused this dullness of trade, or in other words, have the past three months being quieter than is customary at the early part of the year? I have looked closely into the matter, and arrived at this conclusion viz.: Last year was Coronation year and fabulous amounts of money were expended by those who could afford it, the tradesmen, of course, reaping the benefit. This year, there being no such stimulant to trade, the shopkeeper feels the difference, and on comparing his yearly accounts, he finds a discrepancy. Maccabe said "Begone Dull Care." I say "Begone Dull Times."

I stepped into the Supreme Court on Monday morning to see if there were any excitement going on. I counted twenty members of the bar, and on enquiry I was told that there were several absentees. The legal profession must be a very lucrative one to support so many eminent practitioners. I further looked into the dock, and observed that the Chinamen predominated in that locality. I predict this state of things will go on increasing as long as the refuse of China is allowed to enter this Kingdom in unlimited numbers and without their families. I further augur that the Oahu Prison will, in a few years, not be sufficiently large to accommodate all the Chinese criminals. They are like other nations, they are composed of bad and good, but judging from the appearance of the late arrivals I unhesitatingly aver that the former predominate.

By the way, it was currently reported early Monday morning that the S. S. Arabic was outside with 600 or 700 more Chinese coolies. I hurriedly gained a point of vantage, with the hope of seeing an encounter between our gallant defenders and the atrocious invaders. After waiting patiently for a long time without seeing any boats approach the shore, I sought further information and found I had been sold.

Your article on "Homesteads for Portuguese Immigrants" sets forth the true condition of affairs as regards the Portuguese immigrant. This is a matter that the Legislature ought to pay serious attention to and so arrange matters that this class of laborers would become a permanent benefit to the country and thus in a measure repay the Government for their heavy outlay.

Your Hawaiian's "Impressions in Foreign Lands" read very nicely, and Mr. Henry Poor deserves the credit of being an observant young man, but I must take exception to his "impression" of a Peninsular & Oriental seamer. The S. S. *Venetia*, the boat on which Mr. Poor traveled, was built thirteen years ago (1871) and though called an old P. & O. boat, she is faster and more luxuriantly fitted for the comfort of passengers than any of the Australian boats. Your correspondent goes further and says, "nor are any of the famous P. & O. boats as comfortable or luxurious as the vessels we travel on to San Francisco." Of course Mr. Poor does not include the *Mariposa* and *Alameda* as he has never seen them. In my recent travels around the world, I found the new P. & O. steamers to be equal in many respects to the finest Atlantic steam-

ers, which everybody knows are a long way ahead of our subsidized line.

Everybody that heard there was a circular going round advocating the formation of a Jockey Club were anxious to sign it, but when it reached them there was a hesitancy about affixing their signatures to the document. There was some unexplained "hitch." By the way what is the result, and is there any probability of the club being formed? Why not call a public meeting and do the work expeditiously. I am afraid it is too late to do anything of a practical nature before the June races, but still that ought not to interfere with the formation of the club at any time.

It is amusing to a civilian like your humble servant, to read about the mounted constabulary and the infantry police. There is an evident jealousy betwixt the two forces, but why, I am at a loss to know. The gallant captain of the mounted swells replied in double quick time to "Traveler" and with decided effect. In my opinion, the animus against those who bestride the horses is purely political, and not on account of their alleged inutility.

Whilst on the subject of horses and men, I am reminded of something I overheard the other day concerning a good looking animal. Mr. A. meeting Mr. B. on horseback, asked him what proportion of imported stock there was in the horse he was riding. Mr. B. said in reply that his quadruped was a *three-quarter-white horse*. Mr. A. asked no more questions, but commenced to ponder as to what proportion of native blood would flow in the Hawaiian veins about three or four generations hence.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Some additional advance sheets of the new directory, have been received by Mr. Bagot. They include the department of the land of Hawaii. Being familiar with the names and institutions of that island, we perused the sheets thoroughly, and found the canvass full and reliable. What impressed us most were the absolutely correct spelling of names and the fullness of information about plantations and mills.

The Royal Hawaiian Band will give a concert in Emma Square this afternoon commencing at 4:30 p.m., weather permitting. The following is the programme: March—"Fearless and True," Unrath Overture—"Fra Diavolo," Anber Waltz—"In the Twilight," Coote Selection—"Stradella," Plotow Cavatina—"All in Mask," Pedrotti Dance—"Styrian," Keler Bela

The Mutual Telephone Company met on Thursday and transacted their business expeditiously. All negotiations for amalgamation have been broken off, and the trustees are now authorized to proceed with the work of establishing their lines as quickly as possible. The report of the meeting will be found elsewhere.

At 12 o'clock noon to-day, His Majesty will receive in audience, Mons. Henri Feer, Consul and Commissioner for France, who will present to His Majesty an autograph letter from the President of the Republic of France. Immediately afterwards the Captain and officers of the corvette *Kerguelen* will be presented to His Majesty.

Good Friday was duly observed as a holy day by Messrs. H. Hackfeld & Co. Messrs. F. A. Schaefer & Co. and other German houses. Also by Messrs. Lycan & Co. and Messrs. H. May & Co. There was no cessation of business elsewhere in the city.

Diamond Head Telegraph Station was connected with the city by wire at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and is once more in working order. The Bell Telephone Co. having undertaken the maintenance of this important line, they purpose sending some men on Monday to fix the poles with some stability.

The passengers who remained on board the S. S. Arabic during Thursday night, spent the greater portion of their time in fishing, and succeeded in making a haul of four sharks. The usual excitement attendant upon the "hauling-in" of a manatee was evinced by Mongol and Anglo-Saxon alike.

Divorce suits to-day at the Supreme Court and on Monday morning the attendance of foreign jurors is requested.

The new fire engines will be tested this afternoon, starting from Mr. Geo. Lucas' workshop at 4 o'clock.

"Secrets of Success in Business,"—follow its maxims.

Passengers by the S. S. City of Sydney and also by the S. S. Mariposa, bound to Europe will have an opportunity of traveling across the Atlantic by the new "Cunarder" Aurania, advertised to leave New York on the 30th April. This steamer is the latest addition to the company's magnificent fleet. The following brief account of her is from the New York *Herald* of March 7th:—The Cunard Royal Mail Steamship Aurania arrived in the Mersey on the 6th March from Glasgow to Liverpool—a distance of over two hundred miles—in less than twelve hours. During the run on the measured mile a speed of seventeen and one-half knots, or twenty and one-quarter miles, was obtained. The Aurania's dimensions are as follows:—7,500 tons gross register; length between perpendiculars, 470 feet; extreme breadth, 57 feet; molded depth, 36 feet. She is built entirely of steel, and her great beam naturally gives her much stability, which enables her to carry an enormous spread of sail, and she looks more like a large sailing vessel than a steamer. She has eleven watertight bulkheads, which would enable her to float and be quite safe with any two of them completely flooded. She has accommodations for 500 first-class passengers in 320 staterooms. The great width of this vessel causes the deck to be a magnificent promenade. The ship is lighted with electric lights throughout—600 in all, and the engines, which consist of three cylinders, one of sixty-eight and two of ninety-four inches, each with a stroke of six feet, are capable of developing 10,000 horse power.

Yesterday being Good Friday, it was religiously observed by members of the Anglican Church and of the Roman Catholic Church. At the former there was morning prayer and sermon at 11 a.m. Special prayer of mediation and intercession from 2 to 4. Evening prayer with sermon at 7:30. At the Roman Catholic Church there was service and the singing of the Passion and the solemn uncovering of the Cross at 10 a.m. At 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross, and at 8 p.m. an English sermon by the Bishop of Oiba. There were no services at the Fort street Church nor the Bethel. The day was not gazetted a Government holiday as in former years.

The public had been led to expect that the Chinese passengers arriving per "Arabic" in excess of twenty-five would not be allowed to land. Letters received by the Government per "Mariposa" disclosed the fact that the owners of the "Arabic" the Oriental & Occidental S. S. Co. could not justly be said to have shipped these passengers in defiance of the intentions of the Government on the subject and therefore the vessel was not brought under the operation of the new regulations.

The Jewish feast of the Passover commenced on Wednesday evening. Though not observed in the orthodox manner as of old, yet our Hebrew friends did not forget to import some unleavened bread, neither did they forget their Christian friends in the ADVERTISER office in the distribution of the good things provided for the occasion. Our thanks are due to the donor.

"Secrets of Success in Business," a compendium of valuable information for the counting room, the office, the study and the workshop.

A grand complimentary concert will be given on Tuesday next to Mr. J. W. Yarnley. Tickets on sale at several stores enumerated in advertisement.

The French corvette *Kerguelen* observed Good Friday with her yards "a cock bill" and they will remain so until Easter Sunday as is customary with French vessels of war at this season.

At 12 o'clock noon to-day, there will be sold at Mr. E. P. Adam's auction room 25 cases (250,000) fine Manila cigars in bond. Good cigars are a rarity, and a good Manila cannot be surpassed. This will be an opportunity to obtain a few thousand of the fragrant weed.

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Yesterday 629 Chinese were landed from the S. S. Arabic. The work was expeditiously carried out by Messrs. H. Hackfeld & Co. A few trips of the commodious and spacious steam scow, assisted by the Kapiolani did the work in a very short time under the immediate superintendence of Mr. J. W. Pfluger.

"Secrets of Success in Business,"—a handbook for young and old.

Geo. Pracht, who had his hand blown off about two weeks ago by gaint powder at Kea-hou, Kau, died at 7 p.m., last Wednesday at Waiolihou, Kau. The funeral took place the following day.

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Our thanks are due to Purser Pickering of the S. S. Arabic for special favors extended to the ADVERTISER office.

On Monday a sale of sundries, comprising writing desks, sash blinds, mouldings, &c., will be sold at 52 King street, by Messrs. Lyons & Levey.

The P. M. S. S. City of Sydney is due tomorrow from the Colonies.

The reported row at the Hotel on Tuesday evening all rose out of a "little duck." A few members of the Bar, including His Excellency the Attorney-General were having dinner, and finding "duck" on the bill of fare ordered some. It was so well cooked that the order was repeated. Cook No. 2 thought the Chinese waiter was fooling with him for calling so often for "duck," so he got angry and struck him. A little blood was spilt for which the assailant was arrested the following morning and fined. Judging from the excitement that it caused at the time, the simple assault was magnified into an attempt at murder, after the style of the "Three Black Crows."

Mr. Fred Bagot has secured the agency for Howe & Power's "Secrets of Success in Business," a large illustrated compendium of business forms and general information for the counting-house, school, home and factory. The book furnishes instructions in book-keeping, law, and legal forms, business forms, how to advertise, how to write, copy, and file letters, how to remit money, how to detect counterfeit money, how to sell goods, and a mine of other practical information, including the collated experience of years in the great commercial centers.

By the S. S. Mariposa we received several illuminated cards with calendars attached, and catalogue of printing inks from the establishment of E. J. Shattuck & Co., of San Francisco. The cards are lithographed by Messrs. A. L. Bancroft & Co., and are first-class specimens of what that firm can accomplish in this line of art when they have such excellent material to work with as Shattuck & Co.'s lithographic colors.

The Haw. Bell Telephone Co. held a meeting last Wednesday to consider the proposition submitted to them by the Mutual Telephone Co. They declined to entertain it, and in return unanimously passed a resolution which virtually brings all negotiations to an end. A full report of the meeting will be found elsewhere.

At 1 a.m. on Thursday there was a total eclipse of the moon. Owing to the sky being overcast it was not discernible, but the fact was realized by those who were out at that hour finding themselves in perfect darkness, there being no street lamps illuminated. The pools of water on the side walks were easily found by the pedestrians.

Mr. Sherman and the whole of the circus company returned from Mani on Wednesday per s.s. Kilauea Hou. They report having had a very successful tour, with the exception of slight indisposition of the educated "Barney."

Mr. W. L. Holokahiki passed through the third tribunal in a civil suit, and the result was as originally ruled by Police Justice Bickerton that he pay back to the plaintiff the sum of \$200 received by him in excess of his fees for conveyancing some land.

On Wednesday the Likelike took a boiler & donkey engine to Kukulau. They will be erected on a new plantation for Mr. J. M. Horner. The donkey engine will be used for hoisting cargo at the landing at Paanahu.

The flag at Her Britannic Majesty's Consulate was displayed at half mast on Wednesday out of respect to the memory of Prince Leopold. The British bark *Birmah* did likewise.

Every home is its own business college where a copy of "Secrets of Success in Business" is provided.

About 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening the dread fire alarm was sounded, but before the engines were out it was reported to be false.

The Nevada State Journal is the authority for the statement that the Hon. Rollin M. Daggett hopes to be in Nevada this Fall to assist in the campaign.

The P. M. S. S. City of Sydney is due from the Colonies to-morrow en route to San Francisco. The agents have announced that this steamer will take mails only.

The British barkentine Mount Lebanon, Captain Nelson, was on the berth in Hong-kong for Honolulu when the S. S. Arabic left.

Mr. Henry St. Clair Greeley, formerly manager of the Hawaiian Hotel, has been appointed manager of the Hongkong Hotel. The Hon. F. Bulkeley Johnson, H. H.M.'s Consul at Hongkong, sailed from thence for England on the 19th March.

Twenty Portuguese laborers at Kealia, Kauai, refused to work last Wednesday. They were placed in the gaol at Kapaa.

The latest news from the seat of war in Tonquin is that the French had suffered a reverse since the Bacninh affair.

The barkentine Eureka arrived at San Francisco on the 20th March, 13 days from Honolulu.

Any question in legal-commercial usages, banking, etc., can be at once decided by reference to "Secrets of Success in Business." F. Bagot, agent, Honolulu.

To-day, at noon, Messrs. Lyons & Levey will sell at their salesroom, a lease for ten years of a desirable building lot on the mauka side of King street, nearly opposite the premises formerly belonging to the late Mrs. Reynolds.

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